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Mr. L. Cox of Farmer City, Ill., was in the city yesterday.
Mr. Blazell of Union township was in the city yesterday.
Mr. J. Shannon of Nave Attica, Ind., was in the city yesterday.
Mr. Chas. Griffin leaves for New York this morning to attend school.
Mr. H. H. Gardner, banker, and wife of El Dorado are visiting friends in the city.
Mr. N. F. Niederhauser arrived home this morning from a business trip through the northwestern states.
Dr. G. W. Butler of Columbus, O., has been visiting Dr. Purdy for a few days and returned home last night via Strong City, Chicago and Topeka.

The contract for the fair building will be let today at 2 o'clock.
The vacant rooms of the new buildings are being rapidly taken.
The fair association holds its regular meeting today at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Henry Schweiter has sent to the board of trade room some perfect specimens of grapes in five varieties.
Wichita will entertain distinguished guests today, among whom will be Governor Hovey of Indiana and his staff.

Mr. C. F. Coleman, of the dairy farm, has sent to the board of trade collection a basket of luscious peaches and pears.
Mr. J. K. Sawyer has contributed three apples to the board of trade collection which in point of size exceed anything seen yet.

Secretary Pierce has set a table in the center of the board of trade room laden with the choicest and most luscious fruits of the season. A glance at it is a treat.

Yesterday's clearings amounted to \$107,753.4, against \$85,770.29 the same day a year ago. The clearings for the week were \$672,085.20, against \$645,028.35 last year.

S. B. Benson, of the City Mills, may not be in the same circumstances as the famous "miller on the river bed," but he is just as happy, he declares. He is the proud possessor of big baby boy, "Allie well."

Some of the Main street merchants are afraid that in case their street is paved with stone the travel might go over onto Market street asphalt. If the retail merchants of Main can't stand the racket of a stone pavement and don't want asphalt they might try vitrified brick.

County Superintendent J. W. Hoover, of Sumner county, is breaking his heart because the Sedgewick county normal out-numbered him by just one, the enrollment standing 271 Sedgewick and 270 Sumner. The professor cannot come up to Sedgewick "without resorting to strategy not permissible in normal tactics."

The Commercial Nursery and Investment company of Wichita is the title of a new corporation that has just obtained a charter from the state. The capital stock is \$100,000. The officers of the company are: J. B. Nipp of Winfield, president and treasurer; L. F. Lavery of Wichita, secretary. The headquarters of the company will be in the Fletcher block on North Main street, and will be open for business Monday, September 16.

A PLEASANT SOCIAL.
The Woman's Relief Corps gave another of their pleasant socials at Mrs. Warner's yesterday and it was a great success socially and financially. The ladies desire to return their thanks to Thos. Brown, T. B. Carwright, J. H. Brown, Ed. Burklin, T. H. Randall, Captain Murphy, W. H. McPherson, T. J. Arnold and Chief Justice Hammond for the presence and liberal patronage, and to Judge Reed and Colonel Halliwell for promised support.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.
The lecture announced for tomorrow evening promises to be a rare treat and should be largely attended. Any desiring to put invitations into the hands of young men can obtain as many as they desire in the hall at the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. today.

Hon. W. C. Stanley, Charles F. Coffin, Esq., State Secretary George S. Fisher are expected to take part at the annual meeting to be held on Tuesday evening in the building.

The regular noon meeting and the young men's prayer meeting will be held at the usual hours today and this evening.

A SOUTHERN SUGAR MAN.
N. C. Merrill, of Ness City, president of the New county bank, spent yesterday in Wichita. Mr. Merrill has been down visiting the sugar plants of the southwest, being himself the principal owner of the largest plant in the state of Kansas, the capacity of which is three hundred tons of cane per day and which will start up immediately. The Ness mill is of the very latest pattern and most approved designs. Mr. M. has so much invested in the enterprise that he is exceedingly interested in what shall be the probable outcome. In a few days several Boston capitalists are coming out and with him will visit the Conway Springs, the Attica and the Medicine Lodge plants for the purpose of deriving all the information possible. Mr. M. says that should the sorghum business prove successful this season there will be vast amounts of capital put into the industry in southwest Kansas. The Eagle has made arrangements to keep its readers posted, not only as to the works at Ness, but the works nearer home.

UNITED STATES COURT.

The Lane Case on Trial All Day—Argument at the Evening Session—The Townsley Case Will Come Up this Morning.

At 9 o'clock yesterday morning court was called to order and after some minor details had been attended to in regard to setting cases for trial the Lane case was then called. The jury was called and after some examining a panel was secured which consisted of the following: A. H. Downing, G. W. Friend, W. A. Askerman, James McClain, Thomas J. Kierker, A. C. Dowell, J. E. Lucas, F. R. McKinley, O. C. Inquire, J. Gillespie, J. W. Richardson and Samuel Rodgers.

District Attorney Perry appeared for the prosecution and was assisted by J. S. Johnson, of Oklahoma, O. H. Violet, of Oklahoma, and T. F. McMechan, of this city. Mr. Grider conducted the examination of the witnesses which occupied nearly three hours after which Attorney Johnson arose and started the case.

"It seems," said Mr. Johnson, "that on or about the 4th day of last July, the defendant, Charles Lane and Miss Skeed did reside in Oklahoma City. Lane was connected with the Oklahoma Journal. The prosecuting witness was living in the home of her father. Lane is a married man, but at the time the crime was committed he was living apart from his wife. The victim is thirteen years old. After Lane became acquainted with the family he was in the company of Miss Skeed several times prior to the time the crime was committed. On the day of the crime Lane procured a carriage and was driving about the city and seeing Miss Skeed on the street he invited her to ride with him. She then went with him to the house of her father. On the 4th day of last July celebration was held. Returning to the city he placed the carriage in the livery stable. He then walked back to the city in company with Miss Skeed. In the course of their walk they passed a block of buildings wherein Lane had his room and which building there was also a dental office. He made an excuse, upon reaching the stairway leading to his room, that he had business in the dentist's office and he prevailed upon the child to accompany him up the stairway. On arriving on the second floor she found herself in the room of the defendant and the crime was then committed by force."

Attorney Grider then spoke to the jury in favor of the defense. In the course of his remarks Mr. Grider said that the prosecuting witness had gone to Lane's room on the 4th day of last July and that she had been in the room of the defendant on the 4th day of last July.

At 1:30 Judge Foster again took seat and the witnesses in the Lane case were called. Frances M. Skeed was placed on the stand. She lives in Oklahoma City. She resided there with her parents since May last. Is 13 years old. Is acquainted with Charles Lane. Has known him since May. Was employed for a short time at a restaurant in the city. Saw Lane in the morning of the 4th of July. Said that she again saw him about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Lane was in a buggy at the time and asked her to go to the celebration. Stayed there about an hour. Returning from the grounds they stopped at a livery stable where Lane had hired the horse. They then walked down Grand avenue in the direction of her home. On arriving at the building where Lane resided he asked her to go up to the dentist's office which was on the second floor. Said that on arriving in the hall Lane opened the door of his room and pushed her in. Then told her if she made a loud noise he would shoot her. Lane then locked the door and threw her into a chair. Sat down on her lap and commenced to undress her. Despite her struggles he succeeded in removing her dress and skirt and then threw her on the bed. He then removed her shoes and also all of his clothing but an undershirt, after which he got on the bed and accomplished his design. After remaining on the bed for about fifteen or twenty minutes he got up and went outside for a pitcher of water. While he was gone she threw on her dress and ran down the stairs to the sidewalk. On arriving there she saw three men and told them what had occurred and also asked them to get the remainder of her clothing. A man by the name of Ross went up to the room with her and got her clothing. She then went home. She stopped first at the house of a man named Frost, where she expected to find her sister, but on not finding her Mr. Frost accompanied her home. Was confined to her bed for about a week. O. H. Violet conducted the cross-examination of the witness. The witness told the story of the crime in a straightforward, honest manner and the cross-examination of Mr. Violet failed to shake her testimony in any point.

Dr. Bennett lived in Oklahoma City since April. Is practicing medicine. Knows Frances M. Skeed, having become acquainted with her on the night of the Fourth of July. At about midnight he was called to attend her and found her in her father's house. The girl's mother was present when he made an examination of the girl's person at the request of her parents. The indications showed that she had had recent knowledge of man and found the patient very irritable and feverish.

N. T. Ross, of Oklahoma City, was then put on the stand. Testified to being in Oklahoma City on the Fourth of July last and was one of the party who were on the sidewalk when Miss Skeed appeared and asked him to get her clothing. He went to the room and Lane opened the door. The latter was in a partly dressed state. The witness remained in the room but a short time. Thought Lane had been drinking some.

H. C. Hunter was called and said he was in Oklahoma City on the 4th of July last. Saw the girl when she came down the stairs and that part of her person was exposed. Saw Ross go up the stairs with her.

W. H. Speed, the father of the girl, was then called. Was asked the age of his daughter, and for answer produced a family record of the births and deaths in the family for a number of years. The record showed the age to be 13 years in February last. Said that Lane was at his house in May last, when he came to solicit subscriptions for the paper which he (Lane) represented. From that time Lane was at his house about once a week. Said that Lane drove up on the 4th of July last and asked him if he would ride out to the celebration grounds as there had been an accident there. The witness refused and Lane then asked his daughter to go with him. Said the time was about 5 o'clock in the evening. Saw the doctor. He made an examination of my daughter. From that time on she was unable to go to school. Was feverish and so lame she could not walk.

Mrs. Walters, a sister of the victim, on being sworn was asked the question: "Did you see the girl the evening before the Fourth of July?" Answered that she came home about nine o'clock. Did not pay much attention to her. Did not

thought she had some buttons torn off.

Her mother was frightened. Said Mr. Frost brought her home. Said the girl thereafter was sick in bed most of the time. Five minutes recess taken at 4 o'clock. C. W. Price, Oklahoma City, said he was a spectator, and that on fourth of July, '89, lived at Oklahoma City. On afternoon of second of July '89 was in the vicinity of the Overholzer building. Knows the defendant C. M. Lane. Knows also the prosecuting witness. Was standing at crossing of Robinson and Grand avenue. Saw the lady pass down going east. She crossed to north side. Presently Mr. Lane passed going east on north side. Presently he saw Lane and the girl standing talking on Robinson street near the Overholzer building. The girl went around to the back of the building and Mr. Lane passed on. Saw Mr. Lane come back—coming west on Grand avenue.

There are both front and back stairways to Overholzer block. Mr. Lane's room was in the Overholzer block. Cross-examined by Perry. Have known the girl by sight for three months. When I first saw the two the girl was on the opposite side of the street from Lane. Next saw them talking on Main and Robinson streets. After they had talked for some time they separated—girl came south and Lane went west. "Why did you take so much notice of this case?" "I don't know. I don't think I took any special interest in the case. I saw lots of other people passing to and fro, but paid no particular attention to them."

H. B. Mitchell, Oklahoma City, I. T. lawyer—Knows Lane by sight. Knows prosecuting witness by sight. July 2 was in Overholzer building. Met Lane first on that day. Also saw the girl that afternoon. Saw her pass up west on north side of Grand avenue. Next saw her go east on the south side of the street. I was standing in front of Overholzer building noticed that she was apparently looking for someone or something in the Overholzer building. Because I saw her looking intently at the stairway of the Overholzer building. Cross-examined by Perry. Knew the girl only by sight. Saw her and her twin sister frequently. I knew them apart, very well. "How could one look up the stairway when the windows in front of the building?" "Well, the windows are arranged in sections so that one could well see up the stairs from the opposite side of the street." Further said: "It excited my suspicion because I had heard some talk about the girl, and this connected with her actions of course aroused my curiosity. I watched her pretty closely."

Robert Wilson Deal on being called said he resided at Moore, I. T. Runs a grocery. On the afternoon of July 3, '89, was on Grand avenue, Oklahoma City. "I know not the defendant or prosecuting witness. Saw the girl on that afternoon. She was on Robinson and Grand avenues about 4 p. m. I watched her while till I lost sight of her. I did not notice anything unusual in her demeanor."

Ben Craycroft, of Oklahoma City, on being sworn said he saw Lane and the girl go into the room as he was in his office just across the hallway in the building. Did not hear any noise or outcry. Said they remained in the room fifteen or twenty minutes. Said the girl when she came out of the room was only partly dressed and excited.

Dr. Dean, of Oklahoma City, on being called said he was slightly acquainted with defendant, as his room was in the same building as the witness' office. He then described the arrangement of the building and showed where the room was situated. Said he did not hear any noise and did not know whether or not anyone was in Lane's room on the evening in question.

Sol Levi said he was employed on the Oklahoma Journal on the Fourth of July and was at the time rooming with Lane. Lane known Lane for about four years. On the evening of the Fourth of July he went to the room and saw a girl lying on the bed. Lane came to the door and was in a partly dressed condition. The door was only opened a few inches. Said he recognized the girl on the bed as the prosecuting witness. Mr. Perry cross-examined the witness but nothing was deduced from him.

Mr. Ross was then recalled but nothing more was got from his testimony. Miss Skeed was then recalled and asked by Perry if she was in company with Lane or in any room with him on the 2nd day of July. She answered "No," and said she was at her sister's restaurant on the second day of July and did not leave there until after supper. Said that Lane did not go to the door while he had her in his room and did not converse with anyone while she was there. Said she did not go around the block on the second day of July and did not go to Lane's room.

Mr. Craig was called and placed on the stand. The defense made an objection to the witness but the objection was overruled. Mr. Craig then testified and said on the second day of July he was living in the house of Miss Skeed's sister. Said he was sick that day and he knew that Miss Skeed was not absent at any time during the afternoon. Said Miss Skeed was at the supper table and waited on him at that meal.

At 6:30 court adjourned until 8 p. m. EVENING SESSION.
Mr. Sumner, who lives in the Indian country, was then called to the stand. Is the commissioner before whom the preliminary examination was held. He gave the particulars relating the examination of the witnesses at that time.

Mr. Haller, being called said he was present at the preliminary examination held before Commissioner Sumner and he corroborated Mr. Sumner's testimony regarding that examination.

This closed the examination of witnesses and the attorneys then commenced their arguments.

District Attorney Perry opened the case for the government. Mr. Perry said he did not feel like saying very much to the jury, as he was not feeling in the best of health, and another thing was that he would leave the most of the work to be shouldered by his associate, Mr. Johnson, who on account of being present at the preliminary examination, had and also paid close attention to evidence, had become well versed with all the facts in the case, and therefore more able to do the case justice. He then went on to review the testimony and the character of the parties in the case. Passing from this he also dwelt on the evidence of the prosecuting witness. He devoted some of his time to bringing down some craters hard shots on the head of the witness Levi. He wound up by saying that as far as he was concerned he submitted the case to the jury.

O. H. Violet then opened for the defense. He thanked Mr. Perry for the fair manner in which he had conducted the prosecution. He said it had been his duty during the twenty years he had been practicing at the bar to deal fairly with all, and he would continue to do so in this case. He said it was the duty of the jury to give the client the benefit of any reasonable doubt. Passing from this he reviewed the testimony which had been handed in and paid some attention to the fact that the prosecuting witness had gone up the stairs and told her story of the revolting scenes which were enacted in that room and told that story without a blush or tremor, and not in the manner that would naturally be expected

from a girl thirteen years of age. Mr. Violet made a strong plea in favor of his client.

Mr. J. L. Grider then arose and also pleaded for the defendant. He said he also was somewhat fatigued and he thought his colleague, Mr. Violet, had covered everything that could be presented to the jury, and he would only be going over the remarks made by Mr. Violet. Mr. Grider then said he came from a state that was renowned for chivalry and where every man respected maidenly modesty and honored the opposite sex. "I know," said the attorney, "that my colleagues and I are engaged in uphill business—that of defending a man against public sentiment charged with a crime which strikes terror to the heart of any honest man." The attorney then commenced and thoroughly reviewed the case in a manner which commanded attention. His speech was of great persuasion and eloquence. He then wound up his speech by saying that the evidence was such that the jury ought to bring in a verdict of not guilty. "I have two forms of verdict which you can bring; both are brief, but different to a great extent. One will bring gladness to the heart of the defendant and his grey haired father. The other will take from him that which you cannot give back to him. I believe that you will bring in such a verdict as I have stated before, and send this young man forth to pursue the honorable vocation he was engaged in before he was arrested on this charge."

Mr. J. S. Johnson then arose and closed the arguments in the case. Mr. Johnson paid tribute to his predecessor, Judge Grider, in acknowledging his oratorical powers. Mr. Johnson then went over the testimony, making it point by point, he tore it up and cast the shreds in the face of the defendant. He then talked in a forcible and eloquent manner on the details. Mr. Johnson has a commanding appearance and a clear full-toned voice which penetrated to the farthest corner of the court room which was crowded with spectators. The attorney addressed the jury as fathers and husbands and asked them to deal out justice to the defendant in protection of their homes. He asked the jury to not forget that there are 300,000 homes in the state of Kansas who are waiting on their verdict.

Court then adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning.

At 1:30 p. m. the grand jury filed into the presence of Judge Foster and reported a number of indictments. The following are among the number:

Clyde Mattox for assault with a deadly weapon. Mattox is charged with attempting to shoot Daniel F. McKay with a Winchester rifle in Indian territory at Oklahoma City.

An additional indictment was also found against Townsley and Winters for murder.

There were second indictments returned against parties for selling whisky and larceny.

HON. GEO. L. DOUGLAS ON PAVING.
"I don't know very much about paving but on my recent trip east I took the trouble to investigate the subject especially in the city of Washington where for the last fifteen or twenty years experiments in the matter of new street pavements have perhaps been carried on more extensively than in any other city in the country. Millions of dollars have been expended there during this period and a very large amount in the earlier stages was practically thrown away upon pavements which proved to be worthless. While I was there the asphalt pavement on Pennsylvania avenue which was laid thirteen years ago was being replaced by a new pavement coating a few inches thick was being taken off and being replaced by new material. This work was being hurried along in view of the Knight Templars' parade and convention to be held there early in October. I made particular inquiry of Major Raymond, the engineer in charge of the district of Columbia as to the net results of all the experiments in Washington in the matter of paving and he gave it as his unqualified opinion that for all ordinary street purposes the asphalt pavement laid according to the Washington standard of the city of Washington is the best in the city of Washington. The granite block pavement is as a matter of course more durable but is very much more expensive and very objectionable on account of the noise caused by traffic over it. The best asphalt pavement is laid upon the streets which sustain much heavier travel than Washington. The streets of Wichita are or is likely to be in the near future subjected to a new advantage of this pavement is that when the surface becomes rough or irregular from constant wear, it can be patched up or resurfaced without disturbing the foundation in any way. In Philadelphia I saw the granite block pavement of the new city building in the very heart of the city, and in New York some of the streets, such as Nassau street over which there is a constant tide of travel, are paved with the same material. So far as I could see it was in as good condition as the best pavements in Washington."

OFF FOR COLUMBUS.
Canton Wichita, Mo. 5 P. M., I. O. O. F. will leave this morning at 9 o'clock for Columbus, O., to attend the session of the sovereign grand lodge and to represent the grand lodge and competitive drills. They will enter class C, arranged especially for new cantons having had but little practice in drilling. Canton Wichita will have the honor of acting as escort to Brig. Gen. H. W. Pond and will be joined at Newton by the Colorado cantons and at Kansas City by Brig. Gen. H. W. Pond and staff.

A number of state officials will join the cantons at Topeka. Canton Wichita will consist of twenty-one cavaliers and will be officered as follows: Captain, R. A. Spears; Lieutenant, A. R. Clark; Ensign, N. Steffen. The following staff officers will go with the cantons: Major, J. T. McMillen; Brig. Gen. H. W. Pond's staff; Major, Wm. Mathewson, Quartermaster; Lee Taylor and Capt. A. C. Race are on Colonel Webb's staff. Major J. T. McMillen is also grand representative and Major William Mathewson grand warden.

The Santa Fe road furnishes them with a special car, and the latter from Kansas City. A number of ladies will accompany the cantons; among those from here will be Mrs. J. T. McMillen and Mrs. William Mathewson.

Canton Wichita No. 5 was organized July 1, last, and Captain R. A. Spears has been elected its first commander. It received their uniforms in fact on the 7th of this month, and taking into consideration the time they have had to drill, they are doing well.

The cavaliers are expecting a good time and to become better acquainted with the magnitude of the order.

Captain Spears stated that the lieutenant general, John C. Underwood, writes him under date of September 9, that fifty-seven cantons had already entered for drill, and over one hundred were expected to take part.

Mr. Eaton Fox proprietor of the Union Depot Hotel, died yesterday morning at 4 o'clock of consumption. The remains were shipped to Hillsdale, Kan. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn their loss.

EPISCOPAL CONCERT.

A Grand Success—The Full Program Ethnically Received—Scarcely Standing Room.

Last night the grand concert for the benefit of the St. John's Episcopal church, was given in the new structure to a large audience composed of the elite of the city. At the opening of the concert every chair, numbering 40, was occupied and before the first numbers of the program were rendered fifty or sixty additional chairs were brought in, still leaving a number of gentlemen standing. The entire audience must have nearly numbered six hundred. The length of the program precluded many encores and only a few were taken when imperatively demanded by the audience. Each contributor to the entertainment was so perfect in their rendition that the audience could scarcely choose its favorite and well merited sincere applause was showered upon the participants. Every number was capable of favorable criticism and the entire program may be included in the success of the entertainment.

A neat stage was constructed in the chancel which was handsomely decorated with rugs, bric-a-brac shrubbery and drapery. The ladies of the Guild spared no pains to make the concert a success in every way, and their efforts were richly rewarded by the pleasure that was manifested by the audience, not to mention the solid considerations to which the receipts bear witness. It is the intention of the Guild to give a series of entertainments in the church, of which this is the first, until its completion, and it is safe to predict a like success for them all.

THE KNIGHTS RETURN.

The Knights of Pythias returned home last evening at 4:30 with flying colors having drilled under the command of Captain F. S. Hotchkiss for two weeks only. James B. Canavan, lieutenant general and the officers of the United States army pronounced them the best drilled body of men at the encampment and highly commended Captain Hotchkiss for his men's proficiency. Prof. Hamburg and his drum corps and other Knights of Pythias met the returning knights at the depot and escorted them to their hotel. The division performed several neat movements en route to the hall much to the gratification of the lookers on. The record of the Wichita division No. 2, was eleven minutes better than any competitive body. The division drilled immediately in front of the judges, which was well accompanied by any of the other companies present. A banquet was given in the evening in honor of the victory of the division by the many friends of the organization. The tables were laid in the banquet hall adjoining the castle in the Getto block and fairly groined under the weight of the delicacies. A feature of the evening was the presentation of a beautiful solid silver plate, neatly engraved, by Sir Knight L. E. Hamburg on behalf of Sir Knight J. P. Wilcox to the victorious division as a souvenir of their first victory. The party did not break up until a late or rather early hour and was a social and epicurean success in the language of one of the household knights.

NOTABLE VISITORS.

Tomorrow our city will entertain as its guests Governor Hovey and staff, of Indiana. To assist in entertaining the mayor has appointed the entire council and also the following gentlemen: J. B. Brown, Col. J. R. Halliwell, Senator O. H. Bentley, Hon. Geo. L. Douglas, Col. E. Callahan, N. E. Harman, P. A. Rohrbaugh, A. T. Carpenter, F. W. Bentley, W. K. Carlisle, J. D. Hutchings, W. A. Thomas, Edward Vail, A. M. Wassam, R. M. Pratt, L. F. Sherwood, D. Oldham.

The president of the board of trade has appointed the entire board of directors to assist as a committee on reception, as follows: W. S. Corbett, M. M. Murdock, J. P. Allen, R. E. Lawrence, Wm. Mathewson, B. H. Campbell, J. O. Davidson, N. E. Neiderlander, Geo. W. Larimer, P. V. Kealy, J. M. Allen, Geo. L. B. B. Blackwelder, M. W. Levy, A. W. Oliver, G. W. Clement, Geo. L. House, Sr., H. W. Lewis, L. D. Skinner, C. A. Walker, O. Martinson, C. R. Miller, W. M. Bering, A. Hyde.

The distinguished guests are expected to reach the city at 9:30 a. m. and will be met at the depot by the mayor, the mayor, president of the board of trade and a committee of reception with carriages, and they will spend the forenoon in visiting the various points of interest in the city. In the evening a reception will be held in the parlors of the Carey hotel, presided over by the mayor, at which brief addresses will be made.

WOODEN WATER MAINS AND PAVEMENTS.

The Wichita Water company have a valuable franchise from this city besides the privilege of charging the city several thousand dollars per year for hydrants and a fire pressure. For the new season the pressure or water supply for fire engines is inadequate. At least the city council have ordered a steam fire engine. Whether it is a lack of machinery of sufficient power or a fear of their wooden mains we don't know, the water company nor the city not having informed the public. But we do know that paying for water and not getting it is a bad thing and we notice no movement upon the part of either the council or of the water company to have substituted larger and permanent mains for such of the wooden ones as yet remain under our most important business streets, and which wooden ones have surely served their day. We don't know what the power of the city authorities is in the premises, but we do know that the interests of the city are and what the vast amount of valuable property on Main, Market, Douglas and First street demands. It will, if not damage asphaltum to take it up after once down and the water company owes it to the city to replace their wooden mains with iron ones along the streets named before the paving is done.

ASTONISHED AND REWILDERED.

Miss Dolores Sager, of Lafayette, Ind., who is visiting friends in this city, has had quite an experience with a steed of Kansas descent. The other day during the process of hitching him to a buggy, owing to abstraction or inexperience, she tied the lines to the rings in the back band, instead of snapping them to the bit. Then she started out for a pleasant spin. The horse started as his fancy dictated and to Miss Dolores's alarm went between two houses close together. Paul as she might no influence seemed to reach the horse's mouth, which having gotten between the mansions, became frightened at some large empty bottle on the left and made a vigorous plunge to the right causing two of the wheels to begin traveling against the house. Things went along in this way for a few feet, but perceiving that the horse was not going to be reached, the wheel fell into the gutter and some destruction followed. Going a little farther, as some process of entanglement, five spokes left the wheel. Here, as the court reporter remarks, the horse reared and Miss Dolores over the evidence of his escape from the buggy eye and gave it as her opinion that such manners were difficult of explanation.

City Attorney Wilson has moved into his new house on the corner of Fourteenth and Fairmont and finds himself very comfortable. It is one of the prettiest and prettiest cottages in the city.



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